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CSA-17 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, August 7, 2007

Members Present

Campbell, Thomas – City of Solana Beach
Cerny, Barbara – Torrey Pines Comm. Plng. Grp.
Hickerson, Tom – Rancho Santa Fe. Fire Prot. Dist.
Houlihan, Maggie – City of Encinitas
Marquardt, Larry – Member-at-Large

County Staff Present

DeGracia, Rosemarie
Haynes, M.D., Bruce
Roth, Brenda
Wegner, Heather

Recorder

Rupp, Merle

Members Absent

Hilliard, Carl – City of Del Mar
Zovanyi, Peter – Member-at-Large

Guests Present

Abelman, Dismas – Cities of Del Mar/Solana Beach
Gilligan, Matt – S.D. Medical Services Enterprise
Johnson, Wayne – S.D. Medical Services Enterprise
Michel, Tony – Rancho Santa Fe Fire Prot. District
Moffet, Mary – S.D. Medical Services Enterprise
Muir, Chief Mark – Encinitas Fire
Olejnik, Lorelee – S.D. Medical Services Enterprise
Olson, Chris – S.D. Medical Services Enterprise
Ott, Chief David – Cities of Del Mar/Solana Beach
Pavone, Chief Nick – Rancho Santa Fe Fire Prot. Dist.
Sturtevant, Jim – Rancho Santa Fe Fire Prot. Dist.
Tanner, John – Rancho Santa Fe Fire Prot. Dist.
Ward, Darrin – Encinitas Fire
Wurbs, Lin – City of Del Mar

I. INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Maggie Houlihan, Chair, brought the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Attendees introduced themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 1, 2007

MOTION made by Tom Campbell, Seconded by Larry Marquardt to approve the Minutes of May 1, 2007 as submitted.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

None.

IV. MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT

A. Financial Report (Rosemarie DeGracia, County EMS)

Year-to-date expenditures is \$2,366,806 with about \$130,000 on the positive side when the report was run this date.

B. Administrative Report (Bruce Haynes, M.D.)

San Diego Medical Services Enterprise has been awarded the contract for emergency services. Chairperson Maggie Houlihan thanked County staff for all their work on the contract process. Mark Muir, Encinitas Fire Chief, served on the selection committee and praised how much work went into that from many people, including the preparation of the contract by the County staff.

Wilma Wooten, M.D., has been appointed as the new County Public Health Officer, succeeding Nancy Bowen, M.D. who accepted a position in Orange County.

Carmel Angelo, Assistant Deputy Director, and Interim EMS Chief, accepted the position of Director of Health and Human Services in Mendocino County, California. Marcy Metz, R.N., is the current Acting EMS Director and will remain in that position as recruitment continues.

ACTION: An annual report was requested by Chairperson Maggie Houlihan at the last CSA-17 meeting of May 1, 2007; Ms. Metz will plan on presenting that at the November 6, 2007 meeting.

C. Paramedic Provider Report (Wayne Johnson, S.D. Medical Services Enterprise)

Mr. Johnson thanked the County for the process with the contract effort. Copies of the March and April, 2007 CSA-17 Contract Compliance reports were distributed. Times for responding to patients within new jurisdictional boundaries has occurred with the new contract, e.g. ten minutes or less for Solana Beach, Del Mar, Elfin Forest, Rancho Santa Fe and Encinitas. The three stations in Rancho Santa Fe will now have three units each. Rancho Santa Fe Stations 1, 2, and 4 will have 24-hour units attached to them. With the new contract, it is hoped to service the Four-S Ranch as well.

Calls for Del Mar Heights come into the City of San Diego dispatch even though they are part of CSA-17. San Diego Medical Services Enterprise (SDMSE) responds to those calls in that location. Solana Beach Station One will house a 24-hour ambulance as will Encinitas Five. An additional 12-hour ambulance will be staffed by fire fighters and a paramedic from San Diego Medical Services Enterprise. Medic 24's primary response will be in Del Mar Heights.

A proposal was presented at the Fire Chiefs meeting this date, for fire fighter/paramedics who are on ambulances from the City of San Diego, also carry a rescue tool and are able to respond to fires also. SDMSE is also going to recommend that in this scenario they will have dual-purpose in this system.

In regard to a staffing proposal, SDMSE will fill full-time staff in the CSA first, but if that can't be accomplished, they'll go the department for back-filling that component. In the second part of that component, a card will be issued which says that the personnel are "CSA qualified" to work after completing orientation. If the position can't be filled then, it will be given to the fire department to see if they can fill that vacancy or fill it with the work force in San Diego.

With the new contract, Del Mar and Del Mar Heights will be combined in September, 2007 for the City of Del Mar. That combined area receives 5,000 calls annually. SDMSE is negotiating with the County for Solana Beach to be a two-paramedic ambulance. Mr. Johnson introduced Matt Gilligan as a new supervisor with over 25 years experience in EMS. A vehicle has been purchased for the CSA-17 Supervisor.

SDMSE is looking at a locally-controlled EMS enhancement fund. This was proposed in that the fire operations would be able to take the extra profit out of the non-resident revenue to utilize however they see fit within the proposal or contract. This was estimated to generate close to \$100,000 in the first contract year if revenue projections hold.

Twelve new Automatic External Defibrillators (AED's) have been donated and are being managed by Project Heartbeat.

There is a new mobile area routing and vehicle location software program system from a company called MARVLIS (Mobile Area Routing and Vehicle Location Information System) which takes four years of historical data from where your calls come in, reviews it by time of day and day of week, so every hour of the day you have where the calls are coming in. The system, in the future, will also provide data from Cal Trans giving units updated freeway information.

Community education and CPR classes will continue to be provided within CSA-17. SDMSE has put in 2,983 hours of community education hours. This included children being given walk-throughs of ambulances, people learning about 9-1-1 preparedness, and how many flu shots were given. SDMSE has been working closely with various organizations and groups such as senior centers, Encinitas Parks and Recreation Department, Del Mar Community Connection and is a member of local Chambers of Commerce. SDMSE will begin partnering with Scripps Encinitas Hospital as well. SDMSE also supports several non-profit organizations within the CSA such as Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) and the Strive for Change Campaign where they generate money for MADD. Another group SDMSE supports is Angel Face, based in Encinitas. This group conducts retreats for young girls who have suffered facial disfigurements and burns.

There will be a Fitness Festival in the Leo Mullen Sports Park in Encinitas on Via Cantabria Street on Sunday, October 7, 2007 beginning at 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Chairperson Houlihan suggested possible future events could include demonstrations on

the use of AED's along with CPR. **ACTION: Chairperson Houlihan recommended placing the "Health Fair" on the agenda for the next CSA-17 meeting of November 6, 2007.**

Chairperson Houlihan requested County staff review an incident which involved a lifeguard being injured near the boundary of CSA-17 and Carlsbad and be placed on the agenda for the next CSA-17 meeting of November 6, 2007. Carlsbad paramedics responded where the individual was in CSA-17 and he was billed for being a non-CSA call because it was in Carlsbad.

Chairperson Houlihan requested a status report be given regarding a letter she received from the Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove Fire Department requesting that County Service Area 107 be entirely annexed into CSA-17.

D. Medical Director's Report (Bruce Haynes, M.D.)

The analysis of the first quarter data for the Cardiac Study from mid-January through the end of March, 2007 demonstrated that there were 150 cases throughout San Diego County where the patients were transported after calling 9-1-1 to a hospital emergency department with a heart attack and met the criteria. Eighty-three percent of those went to the cardiac catheterization lab and 54% of those had an actual angioplasty where the arteries are opened. When a study was done a couple of years ago, the average door-to-balloon time was 125 minutes. From this study (mid-January-March, 2007), the median door-to-balloon time was 67 minutes, much better, partly because the 12-Leads and the EKG's that the paramedics are doing in the field, as well as the hospital staff being better alerted and organized. The guideline from the American College of Cardiology is less than or equal to 90 minutes. **ACTION: Chairperson Houlihan requested if something similar to a press release could be written up and forwarded to her and the other Advisory Board members to remind people of these services. Dr. Haynes agreed to do that.**

The revised paramedic protocols went into effect July 1, 2007.

A draft of the policy titled "Destination of Acute Stroke Patient" has been distributed to the Base Station Physicians' Committee for review and will also be going to other groups such as the Emergency Medical Care Committee for review.

V. **ELECTIONS FOR 2007 CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR**

MOTION made by Tom Hickerson, Seconded by Tom Campbell to continue having Maggie Houlihan serve as Chair for the remainder of 2007. Tom Hickerson will continue as Vice-Chair. MOTION carried.

VII. **SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, November 6, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. at the Solana Beach City Hall Council Chambers. The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Merle Rupp, Board Secretary, County EMS